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Photo by Airman 1st Class Kimberly Gilligan

Symbolic aircrew equipment and American flags adorn center stage of a memorial service representing each of the nine crewmembers who died when their MC-130H Combat Talon II aircraft crashed in Albania March 31. More than 400 Team Hurlburt members attended the ceremony at the base chapel Wednesday that remembered the lives of the nine Air Commandos.

Base honors fallen heroes

By Vanessa Adame
Public Affairs

The base chapel was filled to capacity Wednesday morning as more than 400 Air Commandos paid their respects at a memorial service honoring the nine Special Operations Airmen killed in an MC-130H Combat Talon II aircraft crash in Albania March 31.

All nine Airmen were assigned to the 352nd Special Operations Group, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

The 8 a.m. memorial service was coordinated to coincide with another service hosted by the 352nd SOG.

Nine U.S. flags and symbolic aircrew equipment strategically adorned the front of the Hurlburt Field Chapel, representing each of the Special Operations Airmen who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom: Capt. Todd Bracy, 34, of

Murphysboro, Ill.; Capt. James Cronin, 32, of Oak Grove Village, Ill.; Capt. Gil Williamson, 31, of Dike, Texas; Capt. Surrender Kothakota, 30, of Fayetteville, N.C.; 1st Lt. Ray Owens Jr., 22, of Birmingham, Ala.; Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence Gray, 40, of Chester, S.C.; Tech. Sgt. James Henry, 30, of Valparaiso, Fla.; Tech. Sgt. Glenn Lastes, 39, of Southington, Conn. and Staff Sgt. Patrick Pentico, 22, of Hanksville, Utah, lost their lives in the accident.

Eight of the Airmen were assigned to the 7th Special Operations Squadron, and Sergeant Lastes was assigned to Detachment 2, 25th Intelligence Operations Squadron.

During the service, a few Special Operators spoke on behalf of some of the members of the "Wrath 11" crew, who they knew as comrades, brothers and heroes.

"We must never forget that this is what they

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AFSOC announces annual award winners

Courtesy of AFSOC Public Affairs

Air Force Special Operations Command recently announced its outstanding Airmen and civilians of the year.

This year's award winners are:

Senior Airman Amber Turek, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, Airmen of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Kevin James, 21st Special Operations Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, NCO of the Year.

Master Sgt. Dean Thompson, 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., Senior NCO of the Year.

Master Sgt. Felica Noil, 347th Maintenance Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga., First Sergeant of the Year.

Capt. Steven Simone, 38th Rescue Squadron, Moody AFB, Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Justin Holloway, 16th CES, GS 1-8 Civilian of the Year.

Leonard Stout, 352nd Operations Support Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, GS 9-12 Civilian of the Year.

John Zakar, Jr., 347th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga., Wage Grade Supervisor Civilian of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Carlotta Griffith, 16th Communications Squadron, Enlisted Individual Mobility Assistant of the Year.

Capt. Denise Edwards, 18th Flight Test Squadron, Officer IMA of the Year.

The award winners will be honored during week-long activities here in May. The

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2005 Air Force Assistance Fund

100%	\$116,427
60%	\$69,856
50%	\$58,213
25%	\$29,107
8.6%	\$10,016

With two weeks left in the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, Hurlburt Field has raised more than \$94,578, and has reached 24 percent participation.

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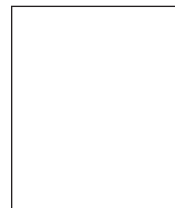
The Commander's Open Line is your direct line to me for questions or suggestions about subjects of concern to the Hurlburt Field community.

I really appreciate your feedback. To receive a response, call 884-OPEN (6736) or e-mail your concerns to commando@hurlburt.af.mil. Be sure to include your name, unit and telephone number.

Open lines of general interest will be printed in the COMMANDO.

I'll answer the others by letter or a phone call.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to resolve a problem is to talk directly to the agency responsible. This gives them an opportunity to help you and perhaps improve their process.



Col.
O.G. Mannon

National case stresses importance of living wills

Elaine Wilson
Public Information Office

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas— The Terry Schiavo saga has both captured and divided the nation as moral and legal questions have been raised over the right to live or die.

While many people remain at odds over the underlying issues, most agree on one topic: the importance of living wills.

"We've had a huge increase (of living wills) over the past couple of months because of the Schiavo case," said Burton Brasher, chief of client services in the Fort Sam Houston legal assistance office. "We've probably done more in the past two months than we've done in the past year. The case has definitely raised public awareness."

A living will is a legal document that expresses a person's personal health-care wishes in the event he's unable to make decisions.

"If you're incapacitated, a living will provides the doctor with guidance for your continued treatment," he said.

This guidance includes decisions related to extraordinary measures to sustain life, a goal doctors aim for in the absence of a living will.

"Doctors are trained to do everything they can to preserve life," Mr. Brasher said. "But not all people want to live like that, whether (for) religious beliefs, personal convictions or financial reasons."

Living wills are particularly important for people heading into risky situations, such as combat or medical procedures.

"It helps remove uncertainty," Mr. Brasher said. "We have a lot of doctors sending patients here before surgeries. They recognize the importance of the document. The more a doctor knows, the better he can do his job."

There is no federal standard for living wills, so many states have developed their own format. Texas, for example, has two documents, both referred to as living wills. One is a directive to physicians, the other is a special power of attorney for health care. The first expresses the patient's personal desires in advance, and the

other designates a "decision-maker" who would decide on the measures taken to preserve life at a later time.

Both documents are legally binding, but Mr. Brasher said people who have both documents should make sure neither conflicts with the other.

"Make sure your personal wishes and the person you designate as your decision-maker in the power of attorney are on the same page," he said.

Other states have just one document. And, in some states, organ donation is included in living wills, while the choice to donate is designated through the driver's license system in others.

Whatever the differences, Mr. Brasher said he recommends a living will based on where people live whether a resident or not, to remove the "guess work."

"It's best to have one for the state you live in so the local doctor has a document he's familiar with," he said.

However, since each state has its own format, the legal office here includes a header that asks for the will to be recognized nationwide.

Another way to avoid potential problems is to update living wills every two to three years so there is recent proof and fewer "questions raised about whether you still feel the same way as you did when you signed the document," Mr. Brasher said.

People also should talk to their health-care providers, particularly when undergoing a medical procedure.

"Find out the consequences of the procedure beforehand," Mr. Brasher said. "That way, you can include specific requests in your living will. For instance, if you don't want a feeding tube, you can say so in the directive."

Such a directive can be the difference between a private decision and a national debate.

Any military legal assistance office can prepare living wills for free to active-duty service members, family members, retirees and reservists on active duty for 30 or more days. (AFPN)

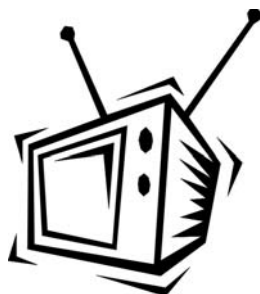


Commander's Access Channel to debut soon

The Hurlburt Field Commander's Access Channel is coming soon to a TV near you.

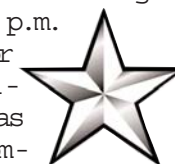
The CAC is a free base televised internal communication tool designed to deliver timely, accurate and relevant news and information to Team Hurlburt personnel and their families.

Look for additional information in future editions of the **COMMANDO**.



16th SOW / C C hosts special event

Col. and Mrs. O.G. Mannon cordially invite the men and women of the 16th Special Operations Wing to J.R. Rockers at 4 p.m. today to thank you for your support and dedication, which was instrumental in his nomination for promotion to the rank of brigadier general.



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DUI Tracker



April 1 - 7: 2 DUIs

This year: 7

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th AMXS, April 5

Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844

Potential saves this year: 139

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...46	16th MSG...24
16th MXG...2	16th MDG...112

Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of April 8.

GWOT medal approved for AFSOC Airmen

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen
19th SOS

The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal was recently approved for all personnel assigned, attached or mobilized to the Air Force Special Operations Command.

Lt. Gen. Michael Wooley, AFSOC commander, recently approved the wear for all active-duty, mobilized Reserve, and National Guard members assigned to AFSOC on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

To qualify for the service medal,



individuals must have served in direct or indirect support for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.

There's no time limit required for the nonconsecutive days to be accumulated to be eligible.

The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal is a Department of Defense campaign medal. The award of the medal

doesn't preclude the award of other decorations normally associated with deployment.

Members may only be awarded one Global War on Terrorism Service Medal regardless of how many tours, deployments or temporary duty assignments served in support of qualifying operations or assignments.

However, personnel may receive both the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal if they meet the requirements for both awards.

Torrential rainstorm halts Hurlburt operations

By Master Sgt. Kevin Owen
19th SOS

Nature played havoc on Hurlburt Field operations April 1.

The powerful low-pressure storm system dropped more than 13 inches of rain in a 24-hour period.

That amount is more than four times the amount of rain normally received in the entire month of April. The storm also pounded base facilities with gusting winds reaching nearly 50 miles per hour.

"Other than a hurricane, this is as much rain as I have seen in a single day during my three years here," said Staff Sgt. Stephanie Constantine, 16th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight forecaster.

Lightning and rain forced all flying operations to cease, while flooding forced Hurlburt Field's main gate and Independence Road to close, virtually bringing base traffic to a standstill.

"This is the absolute worst rainstorm I've seen in my 28 years in civil engineering here," said James Volkenand, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron. "It could have been much worse, but our people got water pumps deployed in several locations to assist overwhelmed drainage systems."

Civil engineering estimates storm damage costs at \$66,000; 30 buildings on base received roof damage. Flooding forced two homes at Pine Shadows to be evacuated,



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Quick, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, unloads gravel into the side of the jogging path, which was damaged during the rainstorm April 1.

ed, and damaged the jogging path that travels throughout base housing. Those families were only displaced for one day, until the water levels receded.

Repairs are currently underway at Hurlburt Field.

Building managers can report any additional damage to 16th CES Customer Service at 884-6683.

Extension allows taxpayers more time to file taxes

The deadline to file taxes is one week away, but for those who still need more time, a request for an automatic four-month extension can be made until Aug. 15.

However, an extension to file doesn't provide a longer period of time to pay.

Those who receive an extension will owe interest on any amount not paid by the April deadline, plus a late payment penalty will be added if at least 90 percent of the total tax amount is not paid by the deadline.

Requesters will need the adjusted gross income and total tax amounts from their 2004 tax return if requesting the extension by computer or phone.

Taxpayers can also get an extension by charging their expected balance on a credit card to prevent filing the form.

No IRS fee for credit card payments will apply, but the processor charges a convenience fee.

Taxpayers needing Form 4868 or any other federal tax form should act soon to ensure they have the item in time to meet the April deadline.

Forms are available at the IRS Web site at: www.irs.gov or by calling toll-free (800) 829-3676.

Forms are also available at the Hurlburt Field Tax Center.

Information courtesy of the Hurlburt Field Tax Center.

Base tax center hours

Mondays: By appointment from 8 a.m. to noon

Tuesdays: By appointment from noon to 6 p.m.

Wednesdays: Walk-ins only – from 8 a.m. to noon

Thursdays: By appointment from noon to 6 p.m.

Fridays: By appointment from 8 a.m. to noon

The base tax center is located in Building 90137. For more information, call 884-7542.

Spotlight

on...

Carl "Tim" Hoffman II

Duty Title: GS-12,

Base Community Planner

Organization: 16th

Civil Engineer Squadron

Hometown: Gulf

Breeze

Hobbies: Camping, volunteering

Contribution to the mission: Mr. Hoffman's architectural work is visible throughout Hurlburt Field.

His visionary work has transformed the base into a premier Air Force Major Command Headquarters Installation.

Mr. Hoffman created a Department of Defense level award winning Web-based general plan, which allows base members access to past, present and future development plans.

He's the mastermind behind the Community Park's improvements, which have turned the park into a top notch facility.

He's a tireless community leader serving as a city council member, volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician for Gulf Breeze.

(Editor's Note: The Commando highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

OPM helping to extend hiring preference to more veterans

Elaine Wilson
Public Information Office

WASHINGTON— U.S. Office of Personnel Management officials are working to make veterans' preference for federal jobs available to more veterans.

One initiative is a new revised application that allows federal agencies to accept veterans' disability letters.

The revised application is being posted on OPM's Web site so agencies immediately can accept Veterans Affairs letters of disability, officials said. Agencies, OPM examining offices and agency appointing officials use the online application to evaluate claims for veterans' preference on applications for government jobs.

The new revisions to the veterans' preference form bring it in line with VA policy, which generally considers disability letters issued since 1991 as proof of a permanent disability.

To further encourage veterans into the federal system, OPM officials also are continuing the veterans' invitational program, visiting military bases and medical centers to explain veterans' preference and outline the procedures for applying for federal jobs. Upcoming visits are planned for Cherry Point, N.C.; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.; Fort Sam Houston

and Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Lee, Va., officials said.

The initiatives reflect OPM's "strong emphasis on the rights of veterans, including employment opportunities," said Dan Blair, OPM acting director.

"We must ensure those who are eligible for veterans' preference receive the benefits to which they are entitled," he said.

Veterans of the armed forces have received some degree of hiring preference for federal jobs since the Civil War.

Today's law, reflected in Veterans' Preference Code of 1944, as amended, and in Title 5 of the U.S. Code, ensures that veterans who are disabled or served on active duty in the military during certain specified time frames or campaigns receive preference in hiring from competitive lists of eligible applicants. It also gives these veterans preference in keeping their jobs during reductions-in-force processes, officials said.

The purpose of veterans' preference, officials said, is to recognize the economic loss suffered during military service, restore veterans to a favorable competitive position for government jobs, and acknowledge the debt owed to disabled veterans.

More details about veterans' preference are posted online at www.opm.gov/veterans/html. (AFPN)

DTS unavailable Tuesday through April 18

The Defense Travel System will convert to its next production version, Madison Release A, April 19.

As a result, DTS won't be available to approve or cancel documents from Tuesday to April 18 meaning the approved and cancelled stamps won't be available for selection by DTS users.

If you booked travel through DTS and your temporary duty assignment starts Tuesday through April 18, orders must be approved and ticketed prior to 4 p.m. Monday.

Any new TDY starting Tuesday from April 18 must have reservations booked outside DTS and travel is accomplished on verbal orders.

Once conversion is complete, Organizational Defense Travel administrators will be notified to have their organizations resume normal DTS processes.

Questions should be directed to the DTS Tier 2 help desk at 884-5854 or e-mail at 16th Comptroller Squadron DTS helpdesk. For system upgrade information, see Page 12.

Library registration reminder

Hurlburt's library patrons, both new and existing, are reminded to register with the newly-upgraded system at the base library.

Color-coded library cards for adults and children will be issued for the first time at Hurlburt Field during a quick registration process. All Department of Defense-issued identification card holders are eligible for library accounts and cards. Base contractors should contact the library for special application instructions. Office collection custodians must also register with the new system and will be responsible for their office's library card. Registration starts Monday as the library kicks off National Library Week.

To acquaint patrons with the new system, the library staff will conduct an optional end user class at 3 p.m. each day from Monday to April 15. The 20-minute class will be held on a first-come basis and include an overview of library services.

Services will be limited today as the library staff's training wraps up. However, books and magazines will continue to be checked in and out at the circulation desk during normal hours of operation. The computer lab is closed today, but will reopen Saturday.

For more information, call the base library at 884-6266.

Personnel records now stay at AFPC

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Airmen who retire or separate don't have to wait several months to receive requested copies of certain records thanks to a recent change in how the Air Force maintains personnel records.

The 49-year-old practice of sending nearly 5,500 personnel records each month to the National Personnel Records Center in St Louis, Mo. ended in February as part of an effort to save money and give Airmen better access to their records.

"People usually have a lengthy wait before receiving copies of their records from the NPRC and it costs the Air Force around \$8 million a year to maintain records there," said Mrs. Jo Hogue, chief of master personnel records here at the Air Force Personnel Center.

"That price tag would keep

increasing if we sent more records to the NPRC and our customers wouldn't have the accessibility we'll be able to provide."

"Air Force Personnel is committed to providing state of the art, convenient service and this is another step to make Air Force personnel records available online anytime," said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, AFPC commander. "We hope to offer that capability to our active-duty customers in the next few of years."

People requesting their own records need to send a signed note that includes their name, social security number, contact information and specific record requested. Those requesting a relative's record must also provide their relationship to the former Airman.

This change doesn't affect the disposition of medical and dental

records, according to Mrs. Hogue. They will still be stored permanently at the NPRC.

"From now on, all Air Force personnel records will be scanned for permanent electronic storage in the Automated Records Management System and the records that are already at the NPRC will stay there," Mrs. Hogue said. "Converting records electronically provides extra backup versions of each record."

Before this change, the paper copy that went to the NPRC was the only copy of a person's record, now there are two e-versions in separate locations. The new system's backups are approved by the National Archivist, head of the National Archives and Records Administration, the federal agency responsible for preserving our nation's history.

The new ARMS' backup systems

allow the Air Force to return to the practice of eliminating the paper versions of records. From 1971-1994, AFPC destroyed the original copies of individual master personnel records because a microfilm copy was attached to the Unit Personnel Record Group that was forwarded to the NPRC. When the first electronic record storage system started in 1995, AFPC began storing paper copies of master personnel records again because the new system didn't provide a backup like the microfilm did.

Those who served or are currently serving as active-duty members can call the Air Force Personnel Contact Center more information at (800) 616-3775, commercial (210)565-5000 or DSN: 665-5000. Those who served or are serving in the Air National Guard or Reserve can call the Air Reserve Personnel Center at (800)525-0102.

Cell phones at gas pumps – fact or fiction?

By Jamie Haig
Public Affairs

The decals now state "No Cell Phones" in addition to the now universal "No Smoking" signs displayed at self-service gas pumps. The debate on whether cell phones cause explosions continues since 1999.

What is known is that gasoline vapors are explosive. Whether it's a cellular phone, a two-way radio or a pager, they all generate a spark when activated. This is what concerns petroleum companies, fire departments and even the General Services Administration. (GSA provides services to other federal agencies and, in some cases, the general public.)

The spark could ignite the vapors causing an explosion similar to an incident in New York in

2004 when a 21-year-old college student was pumping gas and his cellular phone rang - resulting in flames shooting up around him. Fortunately, the student escaped with only minor burns.

Firefighters blamed the cell phone for igniting the vapors that originated from the fuel tank as it was being filled. A sign warning that cell phones should be turned off for safety reasons was posted on the gas pumps. "The sparks ignite the vapors," said William Haney, assistant chief of Fire Prevention for the Hurlburt Fire Department. "Play it safe. Leave your cell phones, pagers and two-way radios in the car when you're pumping gas."

He noticed the problem is more widespread off base, as he frequently sees people pumping gas while talking on their phones or using two-way radios. "There are intrinsically safe phones, but

why take the chance?" Mr. Haney said.

All electronic devices at a gas station are protected with explosive containment devices while cellular phones are not.

Cellular phone makers print warnings in their handbooks instructing users to "switch off the device at refueling points such as gas pumps, service stations, fuel storage sites and chemical factories."

GSA requires fleet drivers to review their procedures, "Drivers Responsibilities", which states: DO NOT use a cellular telephone when at a gas station. Cellular phone use at gas stations or anywhere fuel is stored is hazardous. The switches and high-powered batteries in the phone can generate sparks that can set off explosions.

Fact or fiction? Benjamin Franklin said it best. 'Tis better to be safe than sorry."

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loved," said Lt. Col. Rob Toth, 15th Special Operations Squadron commander. "They'd want everyone to understand that about them."

Elliott Moore, Air Force Special Operations Command, also paid tribute to the fallen service members with a moving version of the song "Wind beneath my wings."

A rifle salute and taps echoed inside the chapel to conclude the service honoring the lives of the brave Airmen.

"This isn't the end of the story," said Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Anderson. "There is hope."

At the time of the accident, the Airmen were supporting a joint training mission with the Albanian military, according to Special Operations Command Europe officials.

"I extend my deepest sympathies to the families of these brave young Airmen," said Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Csmko, commander of Special Operations Command Europe. "We all share in the sorrow and pain of their loss. We will not forget their sacrifice, and we stand ready to support their families at this difficult time."

A board of officers is investigating the incident.
(Editor's Note: AFSOC contributed to this report.)

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events begin with a welcome social at the Soundside club May 2 and conclude with a formal recognition banquet at the Emerald Coast Convention Center on Okaloosa Island May 6.

The command's Airman, NCO and senior

NCO of the year go forward to represent AFSOC in the Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year program.

The command's first sergeant of the year goes forward to the Air Force First Sergeant of the Year program sponsored by the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Wrath 11 Memorial Fund


A Wrath 11 Memorial Fund account has been set up at the Mildenhall Community Bank. Money will be collected for the next 90 days and will be contributed to the Special Operations Warrior Fund. The fund provides scholarships and financial aid to the children of Special Operations Forces personnel who died during combat or training.

Checks should be made out to: Wrath 11 Memorial Fund

They can be mailed to:
Community Bank
Mildenhall
Unit 5015, Box 475
APO AE 09459

Money can be wired into the fund using the following information:
ABA Number: 114000653
Bank Name: Bank of America Military
City/State: San Antonio, Texas
Customer name: Wrath 11 Memorial Fund
Customer Account Number: 3684134564

Community Bank advises that most banks will charge a fee for wiring money. Community Bank has posted flyers in all UK banks about the memorial fund. Their tellers will help people who would like to contribute.



VOLUNTEER

For more information, call the volunteer resource program at 884-5441.

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Photo by Senior Airman Joshua Jasper

Staff members from the 16th Special Operations Wing Inspector General's office evaluate the actions of a 347th Services Squadron (Moody Air Force Base, Ga.) Airman, who is demonstrating how to properly operate field expedient cooking equipment during a Stove Burn March 11. The 16th SOW/IG conducts base exercises to verify unit-level response capabilities.

chain of command. Although at times it may be the chain of the command that's the problem or the problem may be beyond the capacity of the commander to resolve. There are five areas the IG can ensure protected communications: violations - law or directive, mismanagement, waste of funds, abuse of authority, and substantial danger to health and safety.

IG's second mission is to exploit training opportunities by providing meaningful exercise scenarios and impartially evaluating compliances in order to enhance mission accomplishment. They plan, coordinate and execute training exercises for the 16th SOW in order to verify unit-level response capabilities.

Such exercises include hurricane, terrorist scenarios, plane crashes and toxic spills.

Self-inspections are conducted to ensure functional areas are in compliance with their standards and have training, support and resources required to complete their mission.

In the future, the IG office would like to capitalize on opportunities for wing, partner and off-base units to train together and ensure the wing is prepared for the Operational Readiness Inspection in the summer of 2006.

To file a FWA complaint, call the following 24-hour hotline numbers:

Hurlburt Field - 884-6322

Air Force - (800) 538-8429

Department of Defense - (800) 424-9098

Inspect or general: Supporting individuals, unit response teams

The 16th Special Operations Wing Inspector General's office is continuously looking out for the best interests of Hurlburt Field personnel and their families.

For this reason, IG has two primary missions centering around the complaint system

and base exercises.

As a unit, the 16th SOW/IG's primary mission is to sustain a credible Air Force IG system by ensuring the existence of responsive complaint investigations, and Fraud, Waste and Abuse programs characterized by objectivity, integrity

and impartiality. The IG ensures the concerns of all complaints and the best interest of the Air Force are addressed through objective fact-finding.

The IG supports everyone who has a complaint, but individuals are asked to first exhaust their



Photo by Airman 1st Class Kimberly Gilligan

A member from the Air Force Special Operations Command IG office, evaluates the Casualty Collection Point at Moody during an Operational Readiness Inspection March 11.

A member from the 16th Security Forces Squadron Inspector General office (right), plays a sniper that had been shot and killed during Moody's ORI March 11.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Kimberly Gilligan

Hurlburt Happenings

Military

Exercise cancelled

The 16th Comptroller Squadron field-training exercise previously scheduled for Monday through April 15 has been postponed. Normal operating hours will continue as scheduled. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. James Encke at 884-6950.

JSOU course

The Joint Special Operations University will hold the Cross Cultural Communications Course Monday through April 15 for all Special Operators who are preparing to live in or deploy overseas, who work with international programs, or have a professional or analytical interest in international studies. For more information, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731 or Capt. April Cymbal at 884-4472 or visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou/>.

Change of command

All base personnel are invited to attend a change-of-command ceremony at the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Unit hangar May 25 at 9 a.m. when Maj. John DeVane will relinquish command of the 16th Maintenance Operations Squadron to Maj. Jonathan Malone. Uniform of the day is battle dress uniform.

Community

ITT relocation

The information, tickets and travel office will be relocating from the mini mall to the Air Commando Store, which is located at 424 Cody Avenue, Building 90229 later this month. ITT will be closed April 27-29 for the move. A grand opening will be held May 2 with a drawing for a four-day Western Mediterranean cruise.

Abandoned bicycles

The 16th Security Forces Squadron Investigations Section has numerous bicycles that were seized as abandoned from dormitory Building 90367. If you feel any these bicycles belong to you, call 884-7705. When calling, provide proof of ownership.

Motorcycle club meeting

The Hurlburt Field Sentinels of Freedom motorcycle club holds monthly membership meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the enlisted hooch at 3 p.m. For more information, call 881-1076.

Honoring Korean vets

The Pensacola Korean War Memorial campaign and the Korean War Veterans Association are planning a dinner dance with silent auction in honor of the men and women who served in America's "Forgotten War" at the New World Landing Saturday at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person. The evening will include music and songs of the forties and fifties provided by the White Sands Orchestra and an auction. For reservations, call 429-8403.

Travel expo

Information, tickets and travel is hosting Travel Expedition 2005 at the Soundside club Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free and open to government issued identification cardholders and their guests. More than \$12,000 in door prizes will be given away. Approximately 80 vendors from across the country will share information on a wide variety of hotels, cruises and sightseeing attractions. A fish fry is also planned at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per plate. For more information, call 884-6795.

Library book sale

The base library will be holding its annual book sale under the tents at the base exchange April 15 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any donated books will be sold between 25 cents and \$2. Proceeds will be invested in free library programs held throughout the year. For more information, call the library at 884-6947.

Club benefits

Personnel who recently attended the Air and Space Basic Course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. and joined the Air Force Club at the 16th Services Squadron were presented with \$50 worth of "Take It to the Max" coupons to be redeemed at 16th SVS facilities. Facilities will honor any unused "Take It to the Max" coupons until the expiration date. Newcomers to Hurlburt Field are encouraged to inquire at the club membership window at J.R. Rockers about unique benefits of membership.

EOSC luncheon

The Eglin Officers' Spouses' Club will hold a bingo luncheon April 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the Eglin Officers' Club ballroom. To make reservations for the luncheon and childcare, call Eileen Workman at 314-9755 or Karen Kirk at 897-0533.

Christian single's retreat

The Hurlburt Field Chapel's Flying Solo program invites all single Airmen to attend the Emerald Coast Christians Single Military Retreat at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach April 15-17. For more information, call John Rice at 803-6584 or Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Anderson at 884-2946/7795.

Fitness center cuts

Due to recent funding challenges and the loss of civilian over-hire positions, the hours of operation at the Aderholt and Commando fitness centers will change, and the towel service will be discontinued at all base fitness centers. Effective Monday, Aderholt's weekday hours will be from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., weekend hours will remain 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the Commando's weekday hours will be from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed on weekends; Riptide's weekday hours will be from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed weekends. Customers must bring their own towels. The fitness staff apologizes for any inconveniences these changes may cause.

Purple Heart Veterans

The Purple Heart Veterans chapter will hold its next meeting at the Colonial Pines Mobile Home Club House in Navarre April 16 at 11 a.m. The chapter is designed to provide a special place for Purple Heart veterans and their families to meet other veterans in the area. There's also a unit for the

Ladies Auxillary of the Purple Heart Veterans. The chapter meets every third Saturday of the month. For more information, call Bill Sharon at 936-9284.

Housing spring cleanup

Due to inclement weather last weekend, the base housing spring cleanup was rescheduled for Saturday and Sunday and April 16-17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The self help store will be set up at the marina parking lot, the main base store and Commando Village's RV storage lot. The store will issue 10 plants per household, top soil/fertilizer, red rubber mulch, pine straw and grass seed. Wheel barrows, rakes and shovels will be available for sign out.

Volunteer

Clinic pharmacy

Volunteers are needed to assist in handing out prescriptions and helping to pre-pack medications at the 16th Medical Group Pharmacy weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any time of the day or length of time would be helpful. For more information, call Master Sgt. John Sanford at 881-2133.

Earth Day beach cleanup

In celebration of Earth Day 2005 a beach cleanup will be held at the Soundside area April 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to help remove litter and debris along the stretch of beach that runs from the Hurlburt Field picnic area to the Soundside Marina. Following the cleanup will be a cookout and a tour of the base recycling center. To volunteer, call Craig Overstreet at 884-7968 or e-mail william.overstreet@hurlburt.af.mil.

Airman's Attic, Loan Closet

Volunteers are needed to work at the Airman's Attic and Loan Closet. Hours for the Airman's Attic are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; hours for the Loan Closet will be Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Retirees are also encouraged to volunteer. For more information, call Terri Harshman at 884-1533.

APIA Heritage Month

May is Asian-Pacific/Islander-American Heritage Month. Currently the military equal opportunity office is inviting volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting the observance period. For more information, call Master Sgt. Cecillio Bartolome at 884-2246.

Classes

HAWC classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center:

- Run Clinic - Monday, 1 p.m.
- Lean On Me - Tuesday, 11 a.m.
- Fitness Improvement Program Follow Up - Tuesday, 1 p.m.
- Prenatal Nutrition - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.
- Prenatal Fitness - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
- Lean and Healthy Eating - Wednesday, 1 p.m.

You can prevent child abuse, maltreatment

Family advocacy program draws community awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month

Courtesy of the family advocacy office

Hurlburt Field is aware of the importance in preventing all forms of child maltreatment.

Throughout April, Child Abuse Prevention Month, the family advocacy program at Hurlburt Field will be working to call attention to the role the base can play in preventing these tragedies.

In 2004, more than one million children didn't know the feeling of "safe and sound" in their

own homes. Three children die each day as a result of abuse or neglect. Child abuse knows no boundaries - all races, genders and socioeconomic backgrounds are affected.

"We need to raise the public's awareness of the devastating effects of child abuse," said Shirley Sims, family advocacy program outreach manager. "We want to empower and encourage people to become involved, so we can prevent all forms of child abuse and neglect from reaching our nation's children."

Hurlburt Field will begin this effort toward public awareness by adopting a proclamation that calls for the prevention of child abuse. Additionally, the family advocacy program can offer suggestions of ways parents and other

adults can interact with children in a healthy and positive manner that prevents maltreatment.

There are other things that individuals can do to keep the children in their lives and communities from becoming statistics. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, along with its National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information, have teamed with Prevent Child Abuse America to create a packet of information about child abuse. The packet is available at www.preventchildabuse.org.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs at Hurlburt Field, call 881-5061.

Hurlburt Field Chapel



Catholic Mass
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education: September - May
Protestant Services
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)
Religious Education: August - May
Youth and Singles groups available
Jewish Services (882-2111)
Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.,
Eglin Chapel Center
Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin
Chapel Center
Jumrah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.
For more information, call 884-7795.

At the movies

Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.
Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field

Friday

Hitch (PG-13)

Saturday

Constantine (PG)

Sunday

Because of Winn Dixie (PG)

Eglin Air Force base

Friday

The Pacifier (PG)

Saturday

Man of the House (PG-13)

Sunday

Cursed (PG-13)

For up-to-date movie schedules, call Hurlburt Field at 884-7648 or Eglin Air Force Base at 882-1066.
For movie information, visit <http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/hurlburt.htm>.

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Softball standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
LRS	4	0	1.000
A M M O	2	0	1.000
SFS	4	1	.800
25 IOS	3	1	.750
AMXS	3	1	.750
MSS	2	1	.667
RHS	2	1	.667
CMS	3	2	.600
CES	2	3	.400
OSS	2	3	.400
DET 1	1	2	.333
M D G	1	3	.250
C O M M	1	3	.250
HMXS	1	3	.250
AFSOC	0	3	.000
USCG	0	4	.000

For more information, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.



Over 30 softball standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
505 CCW	2	0	1.000
RHS	2	0	1.000
CES	2	1	.667
CMS	2	1	.667
AFSOC	1	1	.500
DET 1	0	3	.000
AMXS	0	3	.000

For more information, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.

Hawks go from rags to riches

By Airman 1st Class James Dickens
Public Affairs

The Hurlburt Hawks roller hockey season came to an end March 30 after a loss in the championship game to the Hard Targets, 10-4.

After being in last place all throughout the season, the Hawks made a stand in the playoffs.

"We went into the season with a brand new team, which made it hard to find any chemistry early on," said Jason Davis, 16th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

"But with players like Ryan Bennett, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Nick Burgwardt, 16th AMXS, we were able to hang out and excell when it really mattered - the playoffs," Davis said.

"The team was definitely the underdog in the playoffs after being last place in the season," Davis said.

This didn't stop the Hawks though, if it did anything, it motivated them.

The Hawks faced the number-one seeded team in the first game of the playoffs.

"Knocking out the first seeded meant a lot to the team," Davis said. "It shows how much the team has progressed over the season."

Although the Hawks didn't fare as well in the championship game, it was still a great season.

"The run at the end of the year shows what is to come next year," Davis said.

The team couldn't have accomplished what it did without all the support it received, said Davis.

"The whole team wants to thank the awesome services team on Hurlburt Field," Davis said.



Photo by Airman 1st Class James Dickens

A player from the 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, (left) reaches out to stop a Hard Targets player from scoring during the championship game March 31.

Runway rampage proves a big base success

By Airman 1st Class
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Public Affairs

Women's History Month culminated March 31 with the Runway Rampage, 5K run/walk.

More than 270 personnel from base participated.

The event raised more than \$1200 from the sale of T-shirts and donations.

All the proceeds were donated to the Air Force Assistance Fund.

The first place male runner, 1st Lt. Rob Buchillon, Air Force Special



Photo by Lt. Colonel Mary Behne

Participants of the Runway Rampage, a Women's History Month event, take off down the flightline to begin the 5K run March 31.

Operations Command, completed the run in 18 minutes and 34 seconds.

With a time of 20 minutes and 40 seconds, 1st Lt. Lisa Landsberg, AFSOC, finished first for the women.

Both runners recieved a \$20

AAFES gift certificate.

The Women's History trivia winner was also named during the event.

Tech. Sgt. Shane Felde, AFSOC, recieved a \$20 AAFES gift certificate for winning the trivia contest.

Soaring eagles

The soaring eagles booster Club is holding a four player best ball golf tournament April 22 at 8 a.m. at the golf course.

Players must register to play by Thursday. The cost of registration is \$30. There will be first and last place prizes. For more information, e-mail Staff Sgt. Charles Eckert at Charles.Eckert@hurlburt.af.mil.

Bocce tournament

A bocce ball tournament will be held at Resources

for Human Development April 16 at 11 a.m. Resources Human Development is located at 625 Lovejoy Road. For more information, call Sandy at 862-6340.

Golf clinic

The Big Hitters Golf Club is hosting a junior clinic April 9 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Eglin Golf Course. Entry is free for the first 24 to register for either times. Registration ends Wednesday. For more information, call Tony Childress at 582-3129.

Bowling tournament

In support of the Air Force Assistance Fund Hurlburt Field is having a nine pin no tap bowling tournament at Hurlburt Lanes Bowling Center today at 1 p.m.

The tournament is limited to 12 teams. Teams must consist of four to five people.

Each person is encouraged to raise at least \$20; all pledges will be donated to AFAF. Bowling and shoes are free.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Robert Love at 884-2695.

